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Washington Crop Weather

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Hay Continued to be in Short Supply Christmas Tree Harvest is Underway Field Crops

There were 6.10 days suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture improved. There was rain throughout most of western Washington. Eastern Washington was mostly dry with some scattered showers and light rain in the southern counties. The temperatures remained mild throughout the state and have been good for emerging winter wheat. Corn and potato harvest continued. Christmas tree producers were busy harvesting and U-Cut Christmas tree farms were open.

Fruits and Vegetables

Apple harvest was underway and continued to wind down. Snohomish County reported a lot of unharvested pumpkins left in the fields.

Livestock

Range and pasture conditions were 3% very poor, 32% poor, 18% fair, 43% good and 4% excellent. Hay supply continued to be short. Cattle producers continued winter feeding and moving cattle to market in an effort to avoid having to purchase hay.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Week	Days
This Week	6.1
Last Week	6.7

Moisture and Supply

Item	Percent			
	VS	SH	AD	S
Topsoil	9	16	69	6
Topsoil 5 Yr Avg	7	28	53	12
Subsoil	23	36	40	1
Subsoil 5 Yr Avg	10	35	52	3
Irrigation Water	6	6	87	1
Irrigation Water 5 Yr Avg	1	4	94	1
Hay & Roughage	22	23	55	0

VS=Very Short SH=Short AD=Adequate S=Surplus

Crop Progress

Crop/Activity	Percent Completed			
	This Week	Last Week	2006	5 Yr. Avg.
Winter Wheat Emerged	91	89	96	94
Potatoes Harvested	98	95	100	99
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	85	83	97	79

Crop Condition*

Crop	% Acreage				
	VP	P	F	G	EX
Winter Wheat Dryland	2	5	59	31	3
Winter Wheat Irrigated	0	0	8	86	6

VP=Very Poor P=Poor F=Fair G=Good EX=Excellent

*Crop conditions are a measurement of the growing conditions and are not indicative of the quality of the crop produced.

COUNTY COMMENTS

Western

Clallam/Jefferson: Temperatures were cool with highs in the mid-50s and lows in the 40s. There were no unusual situations to report.

Grays Harbor: Heavy rain throughout the week limited field activity. Christmas tree growers continued harvest operations and began placing directional signs for Choose and Cut operations. Livestock producers were pleased because the warmer temperatures this fall have resulted in forage crop growth in pastures. Home gardeners continued raking leaves and battling moles.

Mason: Mild temperatures and 0.6 of an inch of rain were received during the week. Grass was growing slowly, so farmers applied light fertilization to fields. Cattle were moved onto winter sacrifice fields, and the rest of the fields were harrowed. A storm was predicted to move in with rain, wind, and low temperatures.

Pierce/S. King: Most crops in the South Puget Sound area have been harvested. There were no reports of unusual situations and no crop losses due to a weather event.

Skagit/San Juan/Island: Mostly clear sunny days were received during the week, with partly cloudy on Wednesday, overcast and cooler on Thursday, and rainy on Friday. The weather was clear and warm on Saturday, then windy and overcast on Sunday, with

rains coming Sunday evening. Fall seeded crops were all planted.

Snohomish/N. King: Scattered rains and windy conditions were received during the week. Lots of unharvested pumpkins remained in the fields. U-Cut Christmas tree farms were very busy.

Snohomish/N. King (2nd Report): The temperature has been cool with highs in the low 50s and lows in the high 30s.

Thurston: Ag producers took advantage of inclement weather to work on machinery repair. There was no field activity due to heavy rain showers throughout the week. Christmas tree growers battled less than ideal conditions to harvest trees. On the other hand, the heavy and persistent rain eliminated any potential for tree needle desiccation. Livestock producers continued selling haylage. Home gardeners began sprucing up the home landscape for the holiday season.

Whatcom: Temperatures were mild and 0.75 of an inch of precipitation was received. There was some standing water in fields. High winds up to 50 miles per hour were received over the weekend. Manure applications continued, and outside farming activities wound down.

Central

Benton: Hay supplies were very short. Some regions in the state have already reported there was no hay for sale.

Franklin: Weather conditions were pretty normal with slight precipitation and a heavy windstorm on Veteran's Day. There were reports of some trees and tree limbs down, but no crop damage has been

reported. Corn harvest was still underway. Apple harvest also continued but neared completion.

Yakima: Average temperatures varied from normal to 11 degrees above normal, with 0.02 of an inch of precipitation. There were no crop losses due to weather conditions reported.

Eastern

Asotin/Garfield: The weather remained dry with passing storms providing little rain.

Pend Oreille/Spokane: Some precipitation was received during the week, but additional moisture was still needed. Colder morning temperatures and freezing conditions slowed down pasture growth. Cattlemen began feeding their herds, as some of the late pasture will not last long. The mild fall has been good for getting the winter wheat out of the ground, and most of it can be rowed.

Walla Walla: Light scattered rain was received, but it was mostly blown away by the wind.

Precipitation was needed as some areas were very short on moisture. Wheat acreage was up about 10-15 percent. Grain and cattle prices kept smiles on most farmer's faces.

Walla Walla (2nd Report): The weather has been cool and crisp, and no precipitation was received during the week. Crops were growing well. There were no unusual conditions to report.

Whitman: Rain and stormy conditions brought a more fall-like feel to the area. The first big wind and rain storm of the fall season hit, bringing much needed rains to the Palouse

Weekly Weather Statistics
November 13, 2007

STATION	AIR TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS				LAST WEEK PRECIP			SEASON CUM PRECIP			
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	LO	HI	AVG	DFN	BASE-50F TOT DFN	BASE-60F TOT DFN	TOTAL INCHES	DFN	DAYS	TOTAL INCHES	DFN	PCT NORMAL	DAYS		
WEST															
Bellingham Intl	30	56	47	+3	4	-3	0	+0	0.76	-0.38	5	5.91	-1.17	83	37
Everett	39	56	48	+3	5	-2	0	+0	0.45	-0.64	4	5.91	-0.97	86	34
Hoquiam	41	60	53	+5	21	+11	0	+0	0.71	-1.55	4	8.86	-4.02	69	36
Kelso	34	59	49	+3	2	-5	0	+0	0.62	-0.82	3	6.38	-1.97	76	21
Olympia	31	58	48	+4	3	+1	0	+0	0.71	-1.06	4	7.84	-1.40	85	33
Seattle Tacoma	40	57	49	+3	5	-2	0	+0	0.41	-0.87	5	6.97	-0.07	99	36
Shelton	31	58	47	+2	4	-3	0	+0	0.75	-1.49	3	9.03	-2.51	78	31
Tacoma WA AP	33	58	47	+2	2	-5	0	+0	0.13	-1.19	3	6.16	-1.04	86	26
Vancouver WA	34	63	49	+4	3	-4	0	+0	0.38	-0.88	3	5.19	-1.87	74	26
CENTRAL															
Ellensburg	25	62	44	+7	0	+0	0	+0	0.10	-0.15	2	0.99	-0.43	70	12
Omak AP	29	57	43	+7	0	+0	0	+0	0.20	-0.14	2	1.59	-0.60	73	12
Stampede Pass	29	55	41	+11	0	+0	0	+0	0.96	-1.68	5	12.94	-0.96	93	41
Wenatchee	28	55	44	+5	0	-7	0	+0	0.00	-0.23	0	0.51	-0.69	43	9
Yakima AP	22	60	45	+4	1	-6	0	+0	0.03	-0.18	2	0.78	-0.40	66	10
NORTHEAST															
Colville	25	59	42	+6	0	+0	0	+0	0.42	-0.14	4	2.22	-0.99	69	23
Deer Park	20	54	40	+3	0	+0	0	+0	0.56	+0.02	3	2.72	-0.06	98	20
Republic	28	54	42	+9	0	+0	0	+0	0.26	-0.09	3	2.14	-0.15	93	18
Spokane AP	28	54	43	+6	0	+0	0	+0	0.48	+0.02	3	1.95	-0.45	81	19
EAST CENTRAL															
Ephrata	25	58	44	+4	0	-7	0	+0	0.18	-0.03	3	0.91	-0.20	82	11
Moses Lake	27	59	44	+4	0	-7	0	+0	0.18	-0.03	2	0.95	-0.16	86	11
Quincy	27	61	44	+4	0	-3	0	+0	0.19	-0.04	2	1.27	+0.01	101	13
Ritzville	29	60	46	+7	0	+0	0	+0	0.15	-0.19	3	1.18	-0.68	63	12
SOUTHEAST															
Hanford	32	60	48	+3	3	-6	0	+0	0.08	-0.13	1	0.59	-0.46	56	10
Pasco	27	66	47	+3	6	-1	0	+0	0.04	-0.17	1	0.97	-0.25	80	10
Pullman	29	60	46	+7	1	-6	0	+0	0.20	-0.38	1	2.35	-0.94	71	14
Walla Walla Rgn	35	65	48	+4	5	-4	0	+0	0.26	-0.35	1	2.05	-1.38	60	14
Whitman Mission	24	70	45	+2	2	-5	0	+0	0.08	-0.33	2	1.54	-0.78	66	15
WESTERN IDAHO PANHANDLE															
Lewiston ID	33	66	48	+5	3	-4	0	+0	0.03	-0.24	1	1.30	-0.77	63	16

Summary based on NWS data.

Season Cumulative Precip Starts: Friday September 1, 2007

DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period).

NA = Data Unavailable

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Precipitation Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.

Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.

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